

Talking points  
Toyota groundbreaking  
Wednesday, April 18, 2007  
Blue Springs, Mississippi

(Barbara McDaniel of Toyota asked that in your comments you specifically thank Lt. Gov. Tuck and Chairman Robertson; Speaker McCoy and Chairman Watson; Gray Swoope, Trudy Fisher, Butch Brown, and their staffs.)

(MDA confirms it is accurate to say the project is ahead of schedule.)

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Your quote for the press release:

“Today’s groundbreaking actually puts this project ahead of schedule and we intend to keep it that way. We want Toyota to see Mississippi as the best partner they’ve ever had.”

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Projects of this magnitude require a great deal of cooperation and teamwork at all levels.

As we prepare to break ground, I have the pleasure of thanking many of the people at the state level whose contributions have been so significant:

Thanks to the Senate and House, which both passed the Toyota legislation unanimously ... and without the need for a special session.

For their legislative leadership:

Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck and Senator Tommy Robertson, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

House Speaker Billy McCoy and Rep. Percy Watson, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Others at the state level:

Gray Swoope, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority, and MDA staff

Trudy Fisher, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

Butch Brown, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Most of all, I want to thank Toyota Motor Corporation President Katsuaki Watanabe and his outstanding company for their commitment to Mississippi. Together, we will make history.

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